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House Bill _____
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Senate Bill No.SB0342
By Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7
and Title 68, Chapter 140, relative to emergency medical
services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 26, is amended by
adding the following new section:

Section 56-7-2605.

(a) Every insurer which proposes to issue a policy, group policy or
contract in this state and every not-for-profit hospital and medical service plan
corporation which proposes to issue a group service plan shall include coverage
for emergency medical services;

(b) "Emergency medical services" means those health care services that
are provided in a hospital emergency facility after the sudden onset of a medical
condition that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe
pain, that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be
expected by a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of
health and medicine, to result in:

- (A) Placing the patient's health in serious jeopardy;
- (B) Serious impairment to bodily functions; or
- (C) Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-202, is amended by deleting subdivision (5) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(5) "Emergency medical services" means those health care services that are provided in a hospital emergency facility after the sudden onset of a medical condition that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected by a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, to result in:

- (A) Placing the patient's health in serious jeopardy;
- (B) Serious impairment to bodily functions; or
- (C) Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-502, is amended by deleting subdivision (10) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(10) "Emergency medical services," hereinafter referred to as "EMS," means those health care services that are provided in a hospital emergency facility after the sudden onset of a medical condition that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected by a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, to result in:

- (A) Placing the patient's health in serious jeopardy;
- (B) Serious impairment to bodily functions; or
- (C) Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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